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In re application of:

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-77.

Please add claims 78-125 as follows:

comprising,  
and,

78 78.

A polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein, the fusion protein

(i) an immunogenic peptide, a native protein fragment or a particle,

and,

Rule 126